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TAGS: ETRN, FR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXTORTION ATTEMPT ON PANAM AND TWA

REF: PARIS 15871

1. TWO MORE EXTORTION LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY
PANAM SINCE REFTEL REPORT.

2. FIRST WAS POSTMARKED JUNE 26 AND WAS WRITTEN
AFTER APPEARANCE OF AD IN WANT AD SECTION OF
THAT DAY'S LE FIGARO (REFTEL). LETTER CALLED FOR
RENEWED ATTEMPT AT PAYOFF ON CLERMONT-FERRAND
TRAIN JUNE 29 UNDER CONDITIONS IDENTICAL TO THOSE
DICTATED FOR FIRST PAYOFF ATTEMPT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE
OF WORK SLOWDOWN BY PARIS POSTAL EMPLOYEES LETTER
WAS NOT DELIVERED TO PANAM UNTIL SATURDAY JUNE 29
AND NOT OPENED UNTIL MONDAY JULY 1. AS RESULT, LETTER
DATED JULY 2 WAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTING THAT ANOTHER
AD BE PLACED IN LE FIGARO, WHICH WAS DONE ON JULY 6
USING CODE INDICATING THAT PANAM REPS WERE NOT ON
JUNE 29 TRAIN BECAUSE OF DELAY IN RECEIPT OF LETTER
AND ALSO INDICATING THAT 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE WAS
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DESIRED PRIOR TO CATCHING TRAIN FOR NEXT PAYOFF

ATTEMPT. LETTER INSTRUCTED PANAM TO REQUEST "SUPPORT FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT OR EMBASSY."

3. JULY 2 LETTER WENT INTO NO FURTHER DETAILS ON PAYOFF ARRANGEMENTS BUT STRESSED THAT JUNE 21 LETTER WAS TO BE REREAD ATTENTIVELY. WE NOTE THAT ONLY NEW WRINKLE IN THAT LETTER WAS INSTRUCTION THAT WALKIE-TALKIE ANTENNA WAS TO PROJECT OUTSIDE TRAIN WINDOW "IN ORDER TO HEAR US." THIS SUGGESTS THAT EXTORTIONIST MAY NOT BE JUST GAME-PLAYING CRACKPOT WHO LIKES TO WRITE LETTERS BUT SOMEONE WHO WILL BE STATIONED WITH WALKIE-TALKIE TRANSMITTER NEAR TRACK IN RUGGED TERRAIN NORTH OF CLERMONT-FERRAND IN EXPECTATION THAT PANAM WILL GO THROUGH WITH PAYOFF DROP.

4. LEGATT IS INFORMED THAT FRENCH POLICE AND GEN-DARMERIE REMAIN ON ALERT TO MOVE INTO ACTION AS SOON AS ANOTHER "PAYOFF" IS TO TAKE PLACE.
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